(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the court had earlier directed the South-Eastern Railway Hotel, (BNR Hotel) to set up an affluents treatment facility within its premises by June 30, 1995;

(d) if so, why the South-Eastern Railway Hotel failed to comply with it;

(e) the details of the executives responsible for the default; and

(f) what action is being taken or has been taken by Government in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The Court of SDJM/ Bhubaneshwar, had convicted the Manager of South Eastern Railway Hotel, Puri, with five years' imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 5000/-.

Orissa State Pollution Control Board had earlier issued a Notice under section 33-A of the Water Prevention and Control of Pollution act, 1974, directing the South Eastern Hotel at Puri for taking necessary steps for treatment of the effluent before 31.12.1995. Immediate steps were taken by South Eastern Railway for improvement of the soak-pits to arrest the discharge of the polluted sewage and action was initiated to install an effluent treatment plant. Meanwhile a notice was served to Puri Hotel vide letter dated 9.2.1996 by the State Pollution Control Board.

Subsequently a Writ Petition filed by the South Eastern Railway Hotel at Cuttack High Court was rejected and final Notice was served to the Railway by the Orissa Pollution Control Board dated 18.10.1996. The effluent plant became functional from January/1997 after initial operational problems. South Eastern Railway has moved an appeal in the appellate court against the orders of SDJM/Bhubaneshwar, and the case is fixed for hearing on 20.6.2000.

Mobile Library-Cum-Bookstall in Long Distance Trains

5156. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contracts for mobile library-cum-bookstall in long distance trains on Indian Railways are being awarded to eligible categories, as per letter No. 75.TG.III/461/37/ML dated 21st November, 1978; and

(b) if so, what are the details with names of trains, where this essential

passenger amenity has been provided upto December, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The facility of mobile library is available on the following trains:

1. 2301/2302 Rajdhani Express
2. 2381/2382 Poorva Express
3. 2303/2304 Poorva Express
4. 3073/3074 Himgiri Express
5. 5657/5658 Kanchanjungha Express
6. 6321/6322 Vivekananda Express
7. 3003/3004 Howrah Mail (via Allahabad)
8. 2391/2392 Magadh Express
9. 8002/8003 Howrah-Mumbai Mail
10. 2841/2842 Coromandol Express
11. 2815/2816 Neelachal Express
12. 8101/8102 Hatia-Pathankot Express
13. 4647/4648 Flying Mail
14. 2419/2420 Gomti Express.

Railways' Plans to seek Finances from ADB

5157. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have plans to take large finances from Asian Development Bank or other International financial institutions;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of funds;

(c) what the funds are meant for;

(d) what are the interest rates; and

(e) what is the period of maturity of loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.